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TO: [REDACTED]

In answer to the questions from you and [REDACTED] of March 26, 1964, I submit the following information: 25X1A

1) The field mod kit for the drogue ripcord cover flap -- Three kits and the installation info will be in your hands no later than April 2nd, 1964. The balance of thirty-four (34) kits to be in your hands no later than April 13th, 1964.

2) Main quarter bag replacement for S/N 7 will be in your hands no later than April 2nd, 1964.

3) The questionable repair on the drogue chute risers on S/N's 21 and 23 has been explained by [REDACTED]. The condition was remedied by removing the light sewing from the confluence point to the suspension line attachment point, and resewing them properly. The problem arose because one riser was stretched more in the original sewing. The connection at the male drogue link was not touched. I assume that this info makes the canopies acceptable as is. Please confirm. 25X1A

4) [REDACTED] has conferred with his people and Wright Field and has come up with the following information:

a) The bungees will be increased in length. Definite lengths will be established and the information will be sent to you for your approval, before retro-fitting all units. This info should be in your hands no later than April 17, 1964.

b) Dot fasteners are standard on ripcord cover flaps for the USAF. The length of stud used by [REDACTED] is compatible with installation standards. If you wish to change to glove fasteners please send me a written request.

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- c) [redacted] and Wright Field both agree that the locking loop bight may be rotated 90° and extend through the loops by 1/2 inch minimum, as requested by you. The only stipulation is that the loop of the innermost line must be outside the locking loops. The parachute packing instructions will be revised and new pages sent to you as soon as they are available.

Very truly yours,

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11 March 1964

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Dear []:

I'm sorry about the mix up in the mailing
of the minutes of your meeting on March 5th.
Enclosed is a copy of same for your information.

Thank you.

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Secretary,

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MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 5, 1964

IN ATTENDANCE:



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2. Provide buttocks clearance room.
3. Reduce pack thickness.
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9. Investigate flat dot-fasteners for back flaps.

Approach II

1. Consider use of 4-pin pack
2. Increase height of pack 2".
3. Possibly turn drogue pack?
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Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 1964

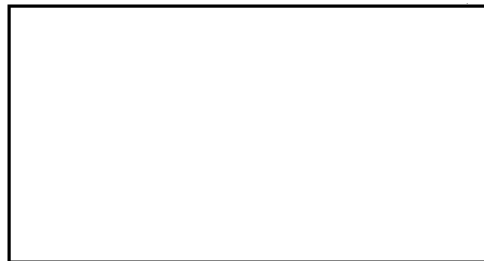
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Other Possible Improvements

Seat

1. Remove the top $1/4$ " diameter ridge on the seat for approximately $4\ 1/2$ " to 5" in the center section.
2. Possibly recess the seat $1/4$ " deep $4\ 1/2$ " to 5" wide through the center of the seat.

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Please return
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Dear Harry:

Enclosed are two (2) copies of Technical
Manual, DND-050, Parachute Handbook. I am also
enclosing a photograph and a sketch that [redacted]
[redacted] made as a result of his trip last week.

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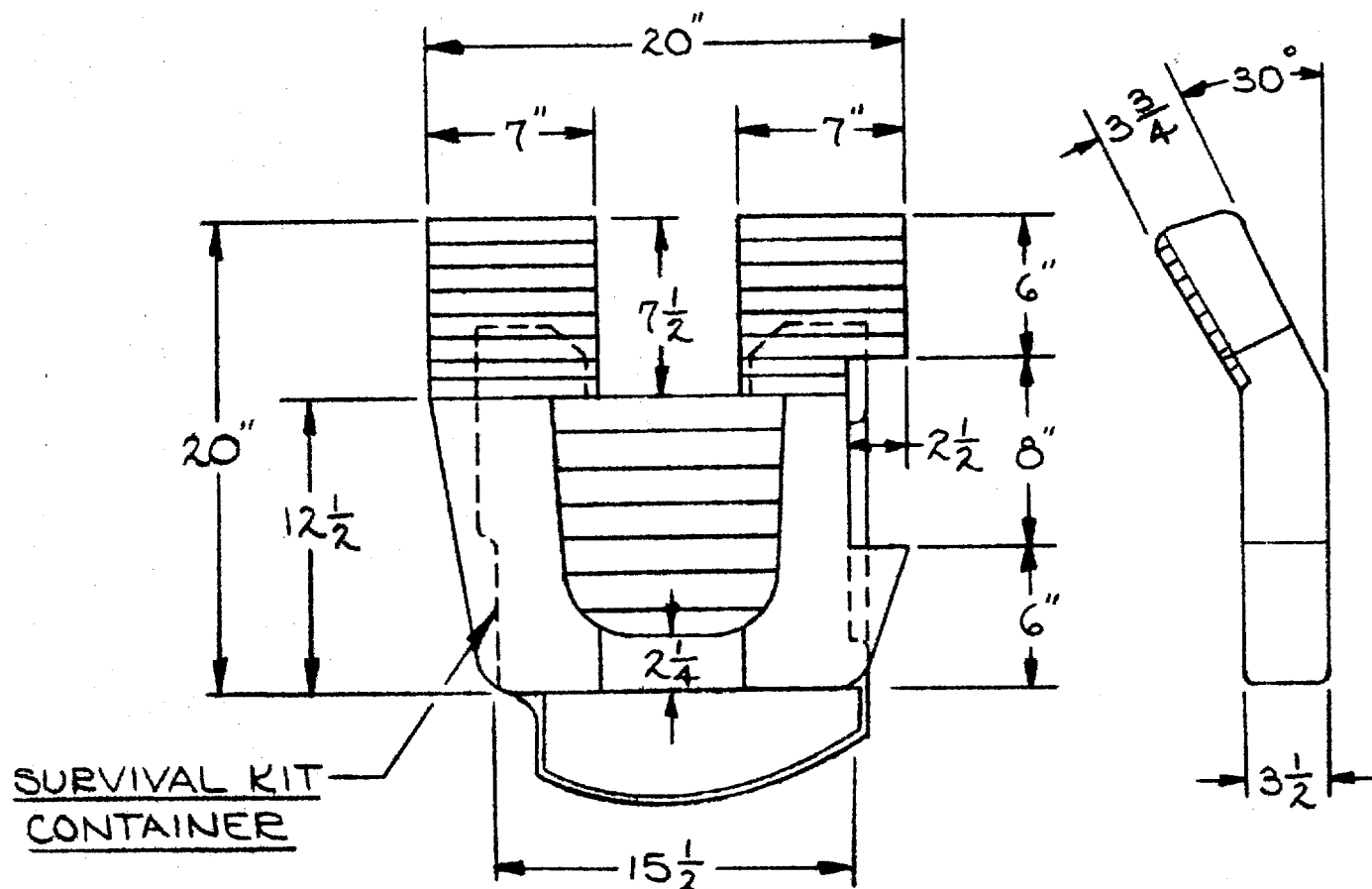
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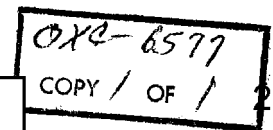
GREEN LEATHERETTE OVER SOFT FOAM (ROUGHLY THE SAME DENSITY AS F-104 CUSHION). SPRING STEEL SHEET UNDER FOAM EXTENDING OUT INTO THIGH SUPPORTS BENT UP AT THE 30° ANGLE.

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6 March 1964




TO: Harry Collins

Dear Harry:

Enclosed are your copies of the following reports:

Meeting Report - March 5th, 1964
Our Facility.

Meeting Report - February 28th, 1964
 Report

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Very truly yours,



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TRIP REPORT

-- 28 FEBRUARY 1964

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- e) Safety wire hose to fitting (double)
- f) Material plastic (nylon)

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19 February 1964

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TO: [REDACTED]

Dear Joe:

Enclosed you will find the write-up of our meeting held February 13th on the new helmet mask assembly development. I have expanded the descriptions under the three phases slightly, however, it is pretty much as discussed in the meeting.

We anticipate having [REDACTED] at your plant for at least one day next week to actively pursue this program. As it develops, the schedule we are considering fits reasonably well with the schedule [REDACTED] proposed in a recent letter to John P. The following are comments made by Ed in his letter, a copy of which was hand carried back by [REDACTED]

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1. Make a lightweight helmet using the present neck ring. This will permit direct interchangeability with present suits.
2. Include a single visor aneroid operated to close at 30,000 feet altitude pressure.
3. Visor to be tinted for glare.
4. There is to be no face dam - some vent air is permitted to exit around face.
5. Install a light comfortable mask connected to dual pressure regulators in the helmet
6. Mask to eventually have inflight feeding port.

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7. Size the vent hoses to the helmet in order to restrict the flow across the face and to permit operation of the suit vent valve.

The David Clark Company should be doing the above mentioned items. Similarly, Firewel on their part should do the following:

1. Cooperate with David Clark in matching the breathing regulators to the mask.
2. Conduct qualifying tests in their chamber of the mask and lightweight helmet combination.

I do not believe that it is important to place the exact responsibility in these areas as Ed expressed. All he is interested in is to get the job done, the sooner the better, with qualified hardware. He strongly suggested that a prototype helmet be available in 30 days. This would be the first week in May according to his schedule, however, his comments on the lightweight shell are such that he believes we should have the lightweight helmet mask assembly available at that time. It is my opinion that if we meet our proposed schedule we will be doing the job required. If we are able to speed up the lightweight shell development some - do so.

Ed stated that if you require a good source for a light weight molded fiberglass helmet shell he can supply them. I do not know exactly what this means but I am sure if anyone can make an adequate lightweight helmet to fit the functional requirements and the ballistic requirements you can do so. I am enclosing a copy of the visual aids Ed used in discussing the mask helmet configuration for your convenience.

The Table of Helmet Weights seems to be a little out of order, particularly in the visor area plus the fact there are no provisions made for weight of the helmet suspension for the lightweight version.

I would like to reemphasize the importance being placed on this program. Ed believes it will solve many problems now plaguing us.

Very truly yours,

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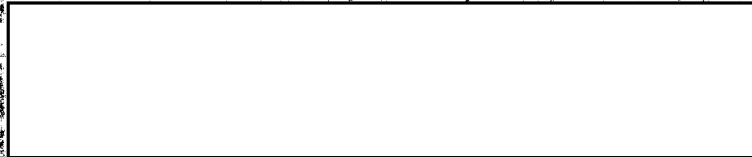
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SPECIAL PROJECT MEETING NOTES

13 FEBRUARY 1964

PRESENT:



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The principle area covered was the investigation program for the mask helmet assembly suggested during the Suppliers Conference on January 29th. During the discussions it was decided to break the program down into three phases.

Phase 1 - Due March 16th

Initial assembly of the mask helmet will use the present shell and regulator. The face dam will be removed to permit the use of a simple light weight low pressure mask and attaching harness. The present standard visor will be used but will be wired direct rather than use the present spring contacts. Removal of the face dam will require development of a new helmet support and harness system. The basic concept will be that the breathing mask will be attached to the head through an independent harness. The helmet will be located to the head by a separate mounting. There will be no direct harness connection between the mask and the helmet. Mask styles should be investigated of the commercially available variety. A mounting harness will be tailored to fit the installation. Hopefully the assembly will be flight worthy - minimum anticipated performance would be good enough for chamber evaluation.

We should get the 1049 suit assembly to [redacted] within 25X1A ten days. All provisions in the present helmet must be incorporated in the new system such as anti-suffocation. The mask should have a front tension device for adjustments. Modify the suit ventilation system as necessary and make provisions for normal face piece open conditions.

[redacted] later reported that 1047's equipment is available for this program.

Phase 2 - Due May 15th

The automatic visor closing features are to be developed. Included are: aneroid actuator closure, manual release and the "G" force actuated release.

February 4, 1964

Dear John:

Subject: Lightweight Helmet with Oxygen Mask

At our meeting of January 29, we arrived at a consensus of opinion that we should pursue the development of the oxygen mask concept in order to eliminate many of the pilot's valid operational criticisms of the present full pressure suit. I would like to suggest a program to build prototypes of this concept for our pilots to use as soon as possible.

While it is true that we demonstrated a working system of oxygen mask and full pressure helmet, we are not equipped in our shop to do this particular type of development work as well as David Clark or Firewel. I believe that David Clark should develop the mask and helmet. They should work with Firewel to match the dual breathing regulators and qualify the system in Firewel's tank test.

Since this program is primarily only that of marrying known hardware items, I would expect it to go rather rapidly. We should have prototype helmets in 90 days. If David Clark requires a good source for a lightweight molded fiberglass helmet shell, we can supply this component. The attached table indicates practical goals for the lightweight helmets.

To implement this program, David Clark should do the following:

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I would like to monitor this program very closely and make use of our pilots during the prototype stage in order to assist arriving at a suitable combination of hardware.

With regard to the aircraft portion of the oxygen system, we are not too far from having a completely satisfactory system. The addition of the equalizer valve, which we are building, should be the last modification.

Firewel should stop all work on the valve they are proposing. It has inherent dangerous characteristics which are unacceptable. All other Firewel equipment in the airplane's oxygen and nitrogen systems is now working satisfactorily. In fact, it usually is pretty good.

Well now!

I believe this concept will go a long way towards making our pilots more comfortable and thus ensuring a greater success of our very tough mission. I would recommend that this program be pursued.

Sincerely,

Enclosures:

1. Table of Helmet Weights
2. Proposed Operational Suit Configuration

TABLE OF HELMET WEIGHTS

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>LIGHTWEIGHT</u>
NECK RING	. 28	. 28
VISOR, OUTER	. 40	. 40
VISOR, INNER	. 94	0
EARPHONES, ETC.	. 85	. 60
REGULATORS	. 88	. 88
BARRIER	. 96	
SHELL	2. 50	1. 25
ANEROID MECHANISM	<u>0</u>	<u>. 50</u>
	6. 35 lbs.	3. 91 lbs.

PROPOSED OPERATIONAL SUIT CONFIGURATION

1. FLY MISSIONS WITH VISOR RIMMED AS IN DYNASOAR SYSTEM
2. ELIMINATE FACE PLATE REFLECTIONS
3. ELIMINATE RICE SEAL & CHAFING
4. IMPROVED HEAD VENTILATION BY FACE
5. ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE OXYGEN CONSUMPTION BY USE OF MASK
6. DECREASE SUIT VENT BACK PRESSURE
7. ELIMINATE FACE PLATE FOGGING & HEAT OBJECTIONS
8. CLOSE VISOR IF CABIN ALTITUDE REACHES 30,000 FT.
 - A. MANUALLY (ORIGIN MANUAL LIGHT)
 - B. AUTOMATICALLY AS IN DYNASOAR
9. COMFORTABLE LOW PRESSURE MASK POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF LOW CABIN OR SUIT PRESSURE DIFFERENTIALS
10. MOVE BULKY ZIPPERS FROM CHEST TO BACK



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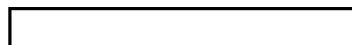
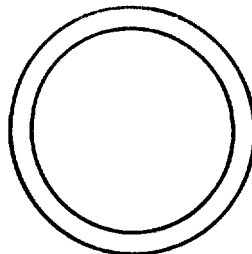
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